

JOHANNES-HOSPIZ MÜNSTER

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Dear Readers,

The Johannes Hospice Muenster was opened in 1999 as an institution with Christian organisation. This is because supporting and caring for people at the end of their life is a clear and important part of the Christian spirit and belief. This is also shown by supporting and caring for everyone according to their own needs and wishes, regardless of their religious beliefs, social status or nationality. God loves the people. We want to make this obviously for residents, relatives and visitors of our hospice. The Johannes Hospice Muenster closely follows the ideas of Cicely Saunders, the founder of the modern hospice movement.

We wish to give the people who come to us for help the chance to make the rest of their life worth living. For us, it is not about adding more days to the life but putting more life into the days. The people who spend the last part of their life with us should feel that they are important to us up to the very last moment. That is why we do our best to ensure that the residents of our hospice are not only able to die peacefully but also to live in dignity until the end.

A short description follows of each department and its area of specialisation and service. The four main departments of the Johannes Hospice are all described in more detail with images on the German pages of our website.

Ludger Prinz,
Executive Manager

Inpatient hospice care

The Johannes Hospice for inpatient hospice care is situated in the Mauritz-Viertel (part of Muenster) next to the St. Franziskus hospital. Ten single rooms are available, each with their own bathroom, very well equipped and comfortably furnished. The house has a patio and a large garden.

Conditions for admission

- life expectancy of a few weeks or months
- a high level of medical and caring needs
- personal consent or as necessary the consent of the relatives

Patients can be admitted who are too ill to be cared for at home or in a care home. Admissions are not limited by religion, financial situation, social status or nationality.

Our aim is to give both the patient and his/her family and friends the best possible symptom-oriented medical attention and caring support, with a holistic approach to the patient's needs.

What about the financial aspect?

A place in the hospice is financed entirely by the medical and long-term care insurance companies and by donations.

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Outpatient hospice care

The outpatient hospice care service of the Johannes Hospice Muenster is situated in the Rudolfstrasse 31, close to the hospice for stationary care at Hohenzollernring 66.

Our aim is to assist the critically ill and the dying who wish to remain in their own homes for the last phase of their life.

Our main focus is on the support provided by volunteers for the individual patient and his/her relatives. The volunteers (male or female) make regular visits to the homes of the patients to help the families at a difficult time.

Our volunteers are trained and prepared for this service. They spend time with the patient and the relatives, for example in conversation, listening or reading aloud. What they do, how often and how long they visit depends entirely on the individual needs of the patient and his/her family.

Our services are free for the family and are partly financed by donations. We cooperate with the Caritas group Muenster (a charitable organisation).

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Bereavement counselling

The bereavement counselling of the Johannes Hospice Muenster can be found at the same address as the outpatient hospice care service in the Rudolfstrasse 31.

Our aim

For those mourning a loved one, an individual consultation or a supervised group can be a place to compare experiences with others - people who have also experienced the changes, grief and pain that bereavement can cause.

All the opportunities to meet provide a safe environment in which:

- everyone has time to listen to each other
- there is room for memories
- the bereaved are not alone and are able to talk
- individual ways to give mourning its appropriate place in life are explored

Appointments for **individual bereavement counselling** can be arranged.

The “Café for the Bereaved” takes place regularly every second Tuesday from 3.30 – 6 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

A regular **bereavement support group** of eight evenings is available as needed for a fee of 50€. We would be happy to give more details about this group on a personal level.

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Academy

The academy represents the educational side of the Johannes Hospice, connecting practical hospice work and theoretical palliative skills. It exists to impart practice-related knowledge, an affirmative attitude and supporting skills.

The courses are intended for skilled workers in palliative care, volunteers and anyone from the general public who is interested.

Courses and area of expertise

- Contacts for factual information
- Advanced training and further qualifications, lectures
- Planning and holding conferences
- Projects, research
- Networking and cooperation
- Coordinating internships from abroad
- Editorial management of the magazine “Kairos” and of the academy’s newsletter

Main focus

- Palliative Care Global: development of international contacts
- Transculturality: hospice care and palliative support of people with an immigrant background
- Anthropology und spiritual care
- Curricular topics

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